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 FRIEND OF LONG STANDING, LT. COL. RUDOLF ROTHE. AS EVENING

 PROGRESSED, ROTHE BECAME MORE AND MORE OUTSPOKEN RE HIS DISMAY

 OF OLD FRIEND C I ON WHOM HE HAD COUNTED ON REVAMPING

 CATUSK, PRIMARILY BY FIRING SOME OLD RETINUE OF UTILITY. UNFOR
 TUNATELY. HOWEVER (SO MOANS ROTHE), C I NOT ONLY FAILED TO

 ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, BUT HE ALSO AGREED GIVE UTILITY AN OFFICE

 IN CATUSK HOS COMPONENT AND A SECRETARY, THEREBY PERMITTING

 UTILITY, WITH HEIP HIS LITTLE BLACK BOOK (WHATEVER IS MEANT BY

 THAT), TO PULL ALL THE STRINGS IN CATUSK AS HERETOFORE. FURTHER
 M ORE, ROTHE CLAIMED C I MADE GRAVE MISTAKE BY APPOINTING

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PAGE 2 BONN 7814 S E C R E T FOR DEASTIC ACT. ROTHE STATED IT WELL KNOWN WITHIN CATUSK? THAT WENDTLAND AND MANY OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS RECEIVED LARGE LOANS FROM CATUSK IN ORDER BUILD HOUSES OR BUY PROPERTY AND ARE REPAYING LOANS AT ANYWHERE FROM TWO TO FIVE MARKS PER MONTH. ROTHE IMPLIED LOANS MADE FROM CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS AND SOMEHOW WENDTLAND'S KNOWLEDGE OF ALL NAMES OF PERSONS WHO HAD RECEIVED THESE LOANS PLUS FACT HE REALIZED HE WOULD NOT BE APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT, MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO WENDTLAND'S DECISION COMMIT SUICIDE. ROTHE CLAIMS THIS PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN THAD BEEN A MORE ASTUTE EVALUATOR OF HUMAN IDIOSYNCRASIES AND BEHAVIOR. ROTHE SAID IT WELL KNOWN J'S WEAKEST POINT IS HIS TOTAL INABILITY JUDGE FEOPLE (EIN SCHLECHTER MENSCHENKENNER). ROTHE ALSO STATED コ. HAS CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE FRG JUDICIARY (DUNDESAN-WALTSCHAFT; TO BE HIS DEPUTY.

THING MUST HAVE SOURED ROTHE ON CATUSK AND HE SOMEWHAT INEBRIATED WHEN ABOVE STATEMENTS WERE MADE. ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, PAST INFO GAINED FROM ROTHE ALWAYS TRUE OR VERY CLOSE TO TRUTH--FH FAR HE CANNOT BE ACCUSED OF FABRICATIONS AND/OR IDLE GOSSIP.

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